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Then
~~another~~ washed all 3
~~away~~ with the news
he's waited
~~been waiting~~ for
the friend his~~band~~
~~to~~ spend the night with
in ~~secret~~ splendor
on his sagging hotel
bed, ~~in secret sexuality~~
his filthy mon light
would demonstrate them
~~togeth~~
~~Silent~~ ~~Afraid~~ ~~after~~
and scrambly to
get their clothes on,
~~their shoes~~ running
down the stairs
into the street,
one to the ~~right~~ ~~to~~ top
the other, to the right
on their respective
ways to work.

Cavaly in the Castro

Of course? I'm shocked!
In my day only a subtle
~~elaborate system~~ of signals
revealed you towards your goal
~~The communication of the~~
~~forbidden~~ sensual pleasure
of ~~of~~ young man's lips and body.
In a cheap ~~back~~ hotel room,
the shadows of a dark cage -
a nod a wink, the night
if hard on shoulder ~~near~~ touch
would start the process.
Here, why the young men
hardly ~~don't even~~ need to ask!
At Pas qua they get coffee
~~eat~~ their dog ears then shop
go home together!
Of course that freedom
must be ~~wonderful~~ -
~~how lucky~~ they are ~~nowadays~~;
~~did~~ yet in my day
the thrill was ~~romance~~
was ~~in the~~ overcoming
~~the~~ of impediments to pleasure
~~the~~ ~~gear~~ of
shame, scandal, prison, ~~shame~~,
loss of jobs

events, ~~moments~~ of attainment, ~~of~~ deliverance
There was something else
~~in~~ the longing ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~feeling~~ ~~of~~
for ~~the~~ ~~body~~ that ~~was~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~body~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
up ~~gonads~~ ~~sexual~~ ~~pleasure~~ ~~act~~ ~~sexual~~
~~pleasure~~ • ~~but~~ ~~more~~ for ~~act~~
romance. I see little of it
here - difficulty or romance
~~and~~ though perhaps?
I find in minutes a
young man ~~to~~ ~~go~~ with
to go ~~to~~ to his home
I wish that I'd declined
for ~~this~~ me before me
~~in my mind's eye~~ clerk
the ~~the~~ young ~~poet~~,
the besides remained -
~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~tall~~ - ~~taller~~ nights -
~~the~~ ~~wife~~ tie, the pubic
~~the~~ ~~hair~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~bathtub~~ ~~drain~~
the flower in his buttonhole
the ~~incident~~ hair ~~touch~~
combed to ~~nonchalance~~ ~~just so~~ ~~for~~ ~~nonchalance~~
~~Contempt~~ ~~down~~ ~~on~~ his tones ~~how~~
~~shows~~ ~~form~~ ~~taking~~ ~~room~~ ~~taking~~ ~~this~~
~~Alacrity~~ discovered at the mop
and shop keepers to me
and who turned ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~and~~
~~rather~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~moment~~

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Dear Mr. Hewitt:

Ms. Deborah Thompson, director of consumer affairs, received your recent letter and has asked me to contact you. Thank you for contacting us about damage to your wheelchair noticed after your recent flight. US Airways' system baggage services department handles all claims for reimbursement, and I have forwarded your letter to that office. You should receive a reply shortly.

Meanwhile, should you have questions regarding your claim, please contact:

US Airways System Baggage Services
P.O. Box 12346
Pittsburgh, PA 15231-0346
800-371-4771

As you may know, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a ruling pertaining to air travel and disabled passengers. In accordance with Title 14, Part 382, of the Code of Federal Regulations, you have the right to contact the Department of Transportation, Aviation Consumer Protection Division, about the difficulties you encountered. The address is:

Aviation Consumer Protection Division
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Mr. Hewitt, I apologize for any inconvenience that was caused and thank you for your patience while this matter is reviewed. We value your patronage and look forward to serving you aboard another US Airways flight soon.

Sincerely,

Katharine M. Lang

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